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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We need a bridge to broadband for small internet providers. I am an individual consumer who selected Sonic, a small regional internet provider, because of their superior service. I did that even though I initially had to take lower internet speeds than the large national companies Comcast and AT&T were offering. Today I have a high speed fiber connection form Sonic, but most of their customers still depend on AT&T twisted wire connections to be able to use Sonic DSL. Please preserve the choice consumers have to select small providers who offer higher levels of customer service., Require the big telecom systems to make their twisted wire networks available at reasonable rates. Support competition not oligopoly.

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